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OFFICE AND LABORATORY, 21 SHERMAN AVENUE.

*Glens Falls, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1894.*

Director of U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:- A neighbor of mine has become very much displeased because he cannot succeed in selling me his residence, and in consequence of such failure he has made a complaint to the Board of Health that my laboratory is detrimental to health and a public nuisance ; now you are familar with all that is done in my laboratory, or at least will be when I have explained to you ; I am a manufactuer of nitrate of silver and chloride of gold and a refiner of photographic waste, looking glass waste , and dry plate emulsion waste , you are familar with the process of both the refining and manufacturing ; he claims that the nitrogen flumes from my flues are injurious to health and very nauseating and offensive . Will you please have the kindness to answer the following questions ;

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Second ; Will those fumes settle to the earth or ascend ? He claims they fall to the ground at all times .

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